

# Saint Juan Diego Parish

Very Reverend Frank D. Almada, V. F., Pastor

**AUGUST 2, 2009**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### Saturday

4:00 pm St. Mary Church  
6:00 pm St. Mary Church

### Sunday

8:30 am St. John Cantius Church  
10:30 am St. Mary Church  
10:30 am St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

**BAPTISMS** by appointment. Pre-Baptism session required with Father. Baptisms will take place during any Sunday Mass or after Sunday Mass.

**MARRIAGES** Six months' notice required. Please call Father to arrange an interview.

**HOLY ORDERS** Young men who wish to find out more about the priesthood should contact Father Almada.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Available at the conclusion of all weekend Masses or call Father Almada. Kindly inform us of hospitalized or shut-in parishioners.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday : 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. STM  
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. STM

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. John Paul I Center

## MATTHEW 7:7 PRAYER GROUP

Monday: 7:15 p.m. in John Paul I Center

## KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain  
Website: www.tkccp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**NO ONE  
WHO BELIEVES  
IN ME  
SHALL  
THIRST**



**Stewardship**  
**Offertory July 25/26, 2009**

**\$4,447.00**

**Attendance**

**634**

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a four week course on "Journey From Faith to Justice: The Social Teaching of the Church" at Saint Juan Diego Parish in October. It will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m. on October 1, 8, 15 and 22 in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Father Almado will be the instructor. To register, call 412-456-3110 or the Parish Office at 412-784-8700.

**INVITATION TO ADULTS** Saint Juan Diego Parish is partnering with St. Mary Assumption Parish, Glenshaw, to welcome new Catholics. Any young adult or adult who is not presently Catholic and is interested in becoming Catholic should talk with Father Almado or Jim Finn of St. Mary Assumption Parish at 412-486-4100. Classes will begin in mid-September to learn what is necessary to receive sacraments and become a member of the Catholic Church.

**WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS** Father Almado continues to be available for confessions on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary Church. Use the glass door entrance on Penn Street. There is both behind the screen and face-to-face availability in the confessional.

**SUMMER CEMETERY WORKERS** St. Mary Cemetery needs two part-time field workers for the months of August and September to help with grass cutting and weed whacking. Over 18 only. Call 412-781-1177 to learn more.

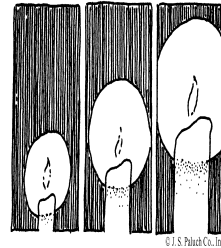
**MISSION APPEAL** Next weekend, August 8 and 9, we welcome Anita Okraszewski to Saint Juan Diego Parish for a mission appeal. Anita is a native of Pittsburgh and has lived in various parts of the United States, as well as overseas. She is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan and taught Theology at Cabrini High School in Michigan. Anita then became a member of Jesuit Volunteers International from 1986 to 1988 during which time she lived in Belize, Central America, volunteering as head of the Theology Department and taught theology to all grade levels. Upon her return to the United States, Anita began working for hospice and continues to do so today. Please warmly welcome Anita at all Masses as she asks for donations for the work of Jesuit Volunteers International.

**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who have been married for 50 years. The celebration will begin with Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on November 8 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary any time during 2009 and would like to receive an invitation to commemorate this milestone, please call the Parish Office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than September 6, 2009. Invitations from the Bishop will be sent out to all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Flowers at the Altar**

**In thanksgiving**

by  
Walter and Dorothy Bronowicz



**Altar and Sanctuary  
Candles are burning  
this week**

In memory of

**Jean Panza**

by  
Nieces and Nephews

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** This year, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Saturday. Therefore, it is not a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at St. Mary Assumption Parish, Glenshaw on 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 14, and at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15.

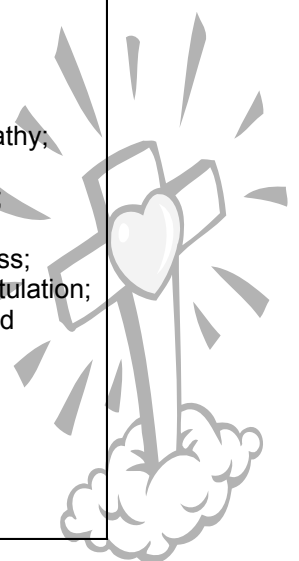
**FOOTBALL** If you are registered in a Catholic Elementary School for grades four through eight, then consider playing football for the St. Mary of the Assumption Condors. The registration fee is \$125 which includes your football equipment. Equipment pick-up dates are July 29 and August 3 and practice starts on August 10. The season has at least nine games and to register, please call Sam Commendatore at 412-486-7737.

**ALL SAINTS SUMMER FESTIVAL** All Saints Church in Etna is having its annual summer festival on Wednesday, August 12 through Saturday, August 15 at the church grounds on Dewey Street. Bingo, games and food every night. Dinners served nightly from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and live entertainment will perform nightly. Stands open at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a \$4,000 raffle Saturday night. For more information, please call 412-781-0530.

**HISTORY** During repairs to Madonna Church, odd things have arisen and we are at a loss to explain them. If anyone has knowledge of the original structure of the Madonna of Jerusalem Church building or any old photographs, please call or bring the information to the Parish Office. We would be grateful for anything that will help us solve our mysteries.

In the home it is kindness;  
In the business it is honesty;  
In society it is courtesy;  
In work it is fairness;  
Toward the unfortunate it is sympathy;  
Toward the weak it is help;  
Toward the wicked it is resistance;  
Toward the strong it is trust;  
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness;  
Toward the successful it is congratulation;  
And toward God it is reverence and  
obedience.

*Author unknown*



**CORRECTION** In June in Father Almade's column, he praised the Penguins for winning the Stanley Cup, but sharp-eyed parishioner John Arch noticed he gave the wrong number of championships won by major pro sports teams in Pittsburgh. For the record, our city has had 15 championships: Steelers 6 (1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 2005, and 2008); Pirates 5 (1909, 1925, 1960, 1971, and 1979); Penguins 3 (1992, 1993 and 2009); and the Condors 1, in the inaugural year of the American Basketball Association in 1968. (The Condors were moved to Minneapolis the next year, flopped, and returned to Pittsburgh, where they flopped and folded).

**APOLOGY** Back in May on the Feast of the Ascension, 45 minutes before the 4:00 p.m. Mass, a small tree on the side of Madonna Rectory fell over, blocking the parking lot entrance. Several parishioners and neighbors on 9th Street came to the rescue, cutting it up and removing it from the entrance. A belated but heartfelt "thank you" to those friends (you know who you are!) who responded so quickly to this tree-emergency.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM** If you are a volunteer, you are required to attend a session of Protecting God's Children. Those require include all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Musicians, and anyone who may have contact with the children of our parish.

Here are a few nearby upcoming places and times. Please check [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org) for more opportunities. Let's work together to continue efforts to keep God's Children safe. Register online or call the parish office to sign up for any of these 3 hour sessions.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 PM  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
45 N. Sprague Avenue, Bellevue  
Handicapped accessible

Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 PM  
Saint Sebastian Parish  
311 Seibert Road, Ross Township  
(Off of McKnight Road)

Sunday, Aug. 16 at 12:30 PM  
Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
1700 Harpster Street, Troy Hill

Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 PM  
Saint Sebastian Parish  
311 Seibert Road, Ross Township

Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 PM  
Our Lady of Victory Parish  
1319 Low Grade Road, Harwick

**2ND CORRECTION** The Diocese of Pittsburgh has two priests serving as missionaries, Msgr. Jules Roos in Chimbote, Peru, and Father Chuck Baptise, in Mandeville, Jamaica. Also, Msgr. John Kosar is executive director of the Pontifical Missionary Societies for the United States, which supports all Catholic missionary work from our country. (This is the same position held by Bishop Fulton Sheen in the 1950s.)

**BIBLE STUDY** On Monday, August 17, we begin studying the Book of Revelation, the last book of the bible. This odd book is a fascinating look at the early church under persecution. Our class is from 12 Noon until 1:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Center, free to all and no registration needed.

# BINGO!

**at MADONNA**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.  
BINGO BEGINS AT 7 P.M.  
in the John Paul I Center

**Free Coffee!**

**No one under 14 permitted.**

**SMOKERS/NON-SMOKERS WELCOME!!!**

**LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

For more information, call Marie at 412-781-3388.

**GUYASUTA DAYS** Don't forget to stop at our booth at Guyasuta Days this week at Kennedy Park between 6 and 10 p.m. Come and enjoy the games, rides and good food, as well as the live entertainment. If you are available to help at our booth, just stop by and join in the fun!

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**HOSPITAL VISITS** Father Almade wants to visit parishioners who are in a hospital or nursing home. However, only if a family member calls the Parish Office to inform Father of a parishioner or loved one in the hospital can he visit. For many years, it has been a nationwide policy that hospitals or other healthcare facilities are not permitted to notify churches about parishioners who are patients. So if a parishioner, former parishioner or loved one is in a hospital or nursing facility and you want Father Almade to make a visit, please call the Parish Office with the pertinent information.

**BENEFIT CONCERT** Irish singer Cahal Dunne invites you to a concert he will give to benefit the Ethiopian Mission under the care of Father Vince Stegman, C.S.Sp. on Saturday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be followed by a reception and silent auction. The event will be held at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church on Fox Chapel Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please contact Theresa Goeller at 412-487-1870 or Rose Stegman at 412-781-2838 for more information.

**Visit our website,  
[www.saintjuandiegopgh.org](http://www.saintjuandiegopgh.org)**

## Schedule of Masses for the Week

### **SAT., AUG. 1**

4:00 PM STM JEAN PANZA by Nieces and Nephews  
6:00 PM STM MARTHA AND FRANK SZWEDKO by Family

### **SUN., AUG. 2**

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH  
10:30 AM STM 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF WALTER AND DOROTHY BRONOWICZ

### **MON., AUG. 3**

7:30 AM JPI LUCIA CLEMENTI by Carol Crawford

### **TUE., AUG. 4**

7:30 AM JPI CLARENCE PEIFFER by Family

### **WED., AUG. 5**

7:30 AM JPI JOSEPH ORESIC by Daughter, Marilyn and Family

### **THU., AUG. 6**

7:30 AM JPI BOB RAGGUINI by Janice and Ron Kizior and Family

### **FRI., AUG. 7**

7:30 AM JPI KOPAS AND KESSEL FAMILIES by Chuck and Marie Warrene

### **SAT., AUG. 8**

4:00 PM STM CRESTA AND MONTEMURRO FAMILIES by Eugene and Judy Cresta  
6:00 PM STM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

### **SUN., AUG. 9**

8:30 AM SJC JOHN AND VIRGINIA SACCO by Frank and Rose Sacco  
10:30 AM STM STEPHEN E. ECKERT, SR. AND SEAN W. ECKERT by Family

**If you have a Mass scheduled and wish to bring the gifts to Father, please tell the ushers prior to Mass starting.**

### **CODE**

**STM—St. Mary Church SJC—St. John Cantius Church  
JPI—John Paul I Pastoral Center**

**YOUTH GROUP** The Saint Juan Diego Youth Group will meet on Friday, August 21 for a back-to-school party at the John Paul I Pastoral Center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS** The Department of Vocations, in conjunction with Glory Design Concepts, is proud to announce the launch of its new website, [www.pghpriest.com](http://www.pghpriest.com). At [pghpriest.com](http://pghpriest.com), you can find the vocation stories of some of our seminarians, priests and even our Bishop, along with information about discernment, the priesthood, and frequently asked questions about priestly life and the process of priestly formation.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE, A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING SINGLES** The loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This weekend program helps grieving single-again persons travel through the darkness of their grief toward the future with renewed hope. The next weekend will be held October 2 through 4 at the Gilmory Center in Moon Township. For more information, call 412-456-3160.

## **FAITHFUL CHRONICLES**

*by Father Frank D. Almada*

You have probably heard by now that we are in the "Year of the Priest," designated by Pope Benedict XVI. It runs from the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 19, 2009, to the same feast next June. The purpose of this special year is to support priests, especially those who do pastoral work, to help priests grow in their spirituality and holiness, and to encourage more men to consider the call of becoming a priest. Pope Benedict will also designate St. John Mary Vianney as patron of all priests. (He is currently patron of parish priests.) St. John Vianney's feast day is Tuesday, August 4. Here's a short biography of him:

John Vianney was born near Lyons, France, on May 8, 1786. His childhood was spent on a farm, in a country going through revolution. As a result he received little formal education. From an early age he wanted to be a priest. But he was conscripted into the army, found himself separated from his unit, was declared a deserter, and then was granted amnesty by the Emperor. He then entered the seminary, where he was a poor student, but clearly a pious one. The seminary faculty was leery of ordaining him. His bishop said, "Let him be ordained. While the church wants learned priests, it needs holy ones even more." On August 12, 1815, John Vianney was ordained a priest.

He was assigned to the small village of Ars, where he spent the rest of his life. He lived very simply and survived on a diet consisting only of potatoes. He spent his time visiting homes, teaching children and hearing confessions. He worked tirelessly to encourage his people to attend Mass and evening prayer on Sundays, and to refrain from work on the Lord's day. He established a free school for girls, with the help of women in the town, and opened a shelter for orphans and deserted children.

Over time Father John Vianney developed a reputation for piety and holiness, especially when he heard confessions. People came from all over Europe to meet him and have him hear their confession. The national railway even built a special spur to tiny Ars to accommodate the crowds of pilgrims. By the end of his life John Vianney was hearing confessions for 11 or 12 hours a day. On August 4, 1859, his earthly life ended. He was canonized a saint in 1925 and designated patron saint of parish priests throughout the world.

What can you do during this "Year of the Priest"? A pamphlet by *Our Sunday Visitor* offers these six suggestions. **Pray for us priests.** It is always good to know that people are supporting us priests in our ministry. **Participate and be active in your parish.** Use your gifts and talents to help your parish grow. Keep us pastors informed about who is sick, injured or going through some difficulty in life. **Watch your expectations.** Priests have limits, too. **Be prepared to believe the best.** Don't believe every rumor you hear about priests. **Show your appreciation.** All of us, including priests, do better when we know that our efforts are appreciated. **Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.** We all want more and holy priests for the Catholic Church.